

**House Study Bill 255 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON GRASSLEY)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act expanding the national guard educational assistance  
2 program to provide educational assistance to national guard  
3 members who are enrolled in a curriculum leading to a doctor  
4 of medicine degree or a doctor of osteopathic medicine  
5 degree.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.86, subsection 1, unnumbered  
2 paragraph 1, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 A national guard educational assistance program is  
4 established to be administered by the college student aid  
5 commission for members of the Iowa national guard who are  
6 either enrolled as undergraduate students in a community  
7 college, an institution of higher learning under the state  
8 board of regents, or an accredited private institution, or  
9 enrolled as postgraduate students in accredited medical or  
10 osteopathic schools. The college student aid commission shall  
11 adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) to administer [this section](#).  
12 An individual is eligible for the national guard educational  
13 assistance program if the individual meets all of the following  
14 conditions:

15 Sec. 2. Section 261.86, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code  
16 2019, is amended to read as follows:

17 d. Is enrolled in and is maintaining satisfactory academic  
18 progress as an either of the following:

19 (1) An undergraduate student in a community college as  
20 defined in [section 260C.2](#), an institution of higher learning  
21 under the control of the board of regents, or an accredited  
22 private institution as defined in [section 261.9](#), and is  
23 maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

24 (2) A postgraduate student enrolled in a school of medicine  
25 accredited by the liaison committee on medical education or  
26 an osteopathic medical school accredited by the commission on  
27 osteopathic college accreditation of the American osteopathic  
28 association in a curriculum leading to a doctor of medicine  
29 degree or a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree.

30 Sec. 3. Section 261.86, subsection 3, Code 2019, is amended  
31 by adding the following new paragraph:

32 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", up to  
33 five eligible members of the national guard annually, as  
34 determined by the adjutant general, who meet the requirements  
35 of subsection 1, paragraphs "a" through "c", "e" through "g",

1 and paragraph "d", subparagraph (2), shall receive educational  
2 assistance under this section in an amount not to exceed  
3 twenty thousand dollars annually for not more than four years.  
4 Educational assistance under this paragraph is conditional on  
5 the eligible member completing a residency program and serving  
6 five years in the Iowa national guard as a medical corps  
7 officer while practicing medicine in Iowa. If an eligible  
8 member fails to fulfill the conditions of this paragraph, the  
9 eligible member shall be subject to repayment to the commission  
10 of the amount of educational assistance received under this  
11 section plus interest as specified by rule.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

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the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill provides that up to five eligible members of the  
16 national guard annually, as determined by the adjutant general,  
17 who meet the requirements of the national guard educational  
18 assistance program but who are enrolled in a postgraduate  
19 course of study at an accredited school of medicine or at an  
20 accredited osteopathic medical school leading to a doctor of  
21 medicine degree or a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree  
22 shall receive educational assistance in an amount not to exceed  
23 \$20,000 annually for not more than four years.

24 The eligible member must then complete a residency program  
25 and serve five years in the Iowa national guard as a medical  
26 corps officer while practicing medicine in Iowa. A guard  
27 member who fails to fulfill these conditions must repay to the  
28 commission the amount of educational assistance received plus  
29 interest.